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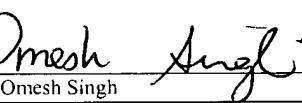
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 Serial No.: 09/787328 Group Art Unit: Unknown
 Filed: 16 March 2001 Docket No.: 9548.50USWO
 Title: NEW HUMAN HEPATOMA-DERIVED GROWTH FACTOR
 ENCODING SEQUENCE AND POLYPEPTIDE ENCODED BY SUCH
 DNA SEQUENCE AND PRODUCING METHOD THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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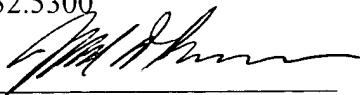
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 23 April 2001, said period of response being extended from 23 May 2001 to 23 August 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$445.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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